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Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 6:00pm

Saturday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Church closes after all Public Masses

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour
before morning Mass

Confession

At Call



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER—MONTH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
13 December 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
YEAR B**

The Holy Father proclaims the year of St Joseph

This week it was announced in the Vatican that the year, 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021, has been proclaimed by our Holy Father Pope Francis as the Year of Saint Joseph. This will be a beautiful time for us all to meditate and pray about fatherhood, a topic which needs to have the light of the gospel shone on it.

The Holy Father teaches us that St Joseph was an ordinary man, like so many of us. The world will not work without the people who go unnoticed, who are a hidden presence in our world. St Joseph, an ordinary man, played an incomparable role in the history of salvation. Our faith is very much about the ordinary people.

I do not think I have been imagining this, but during my, now much colder and briefer walks, I have seen more fathers out and about playing with their children. Ordinary men doing an extraordinary thing – nurturing, guarding and loving their children (and maybe their step children) as St Joseph did Jesus Christ.

The Holy Father encourages us all to use this prayer in the Year of Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Monsignor Roger



Those who have died recently: Michael Morris-Owens, Liam Gibbons, Ita Ledger, Margaret Harrington, Toni Kelly

Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Monica Lynch

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Langan, Patrick & Delia O'Sullivan, Michael McHough, Kevin Walsh, Vitale Giraud, Olga Daley, Jeremiah, Mollie, Patrick Moriarty, John Guckian

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,028.69 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for November amounted to £3,464.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Mass Times are as follows:

- Thursday 24 December 2020—4:30pm Mass (First Mass of Christmas) with all children welcome to dress as a character from the Nativity play.
- Thursday 24 December 2020—6:00pm Mass with all children welcome to dress as a character from the Nativity play.
- Thursday 24 December 2020— 7:30pm Mass.
- Thursday 24 December 2020— 9:00pm Mass.

Friday 25 December, Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon.
There is no evening Mass.

Booking Seats for Christmas Mass. Our church is limited in the number of people we can accommodate. This year you will need to book your place for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Numbers are limited to keep us all safe because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. **Bookings are now open.** Book your place/s in one of two ways: E-mail the parish office on willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk and request seats for the number in your household, including any children, for your chosen Mass. We also need a telephone contact number. Alternatively telephone the parish office to book on 020 8451 4677 during office hours only -Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Please do not leave messages on the answerphone about bookings. You may only book by speaking to our administrator, Kathleen or, Father Mark. Leaflets detailing Christmas 2020 Mass booking arrangements are available as you leave church today.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available on the table as you leave church today. Your Christmas offering is not taxed by the Diocese and goes towards clergy salaries and supply priests.

Confirmation 2020. Congratulations to all our young people who are making their Confirmation on Monday. Please pray for them and their families as they make this big step in their lives as Catholic Christians. Our sincere thanks go to the catechists who have accompanied the young people on this journey of faith.

A link to the photographs taken at the Confirmation Mass on Monday 7 December 2020 has been sent to those parents. All orders and payments should be made online directly with Simon Drake Photography.

Roman Catholic Nursery, Infant, and Primary School CCP

Applications for Catholic Schools. In light of the current uncertainty we have decided that the signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice will be done via post. Everyone should pick up a CCP Assessment Form from the table at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery along with a Certificate of Catholic practice. This certificate is also available at the back of the church. Please complete one Certificate for each school that you

are applying for (top part of form should be completed) together with a SAE (stamped addressed envelope which should detail your name and current address so that we can post the forms back to you). We will NOT give out forms at the door nor will we sign forms at the door. Please do follow the instructions in this regard so as not to be disappointed.

Bethany -Tree of Light is in place opposite the Lady Chapel. The Tree of Light is a perfect way this Christmas, after such a difficult year, to remember a loved one who has passed away, to wish someone good luck for the New Year or for any other intention you may wish to pray for. Due to COVID this year you would need to bring your own completed label with you when you come, to attach to the tree.

RCIA Programme. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Then our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) programme is for you. Beginning in the new year, the programme is a prayerful journey of faith which considers the Catholic faith and prepares you to make an informed decision to be received into the Catholic Church, or to be confirmed. You are invited to have an informal chat with Father Mark, who will be running the programme, email him at: markdunghinson@rcdow.org.uk.

Catholic Mothers have produced a beautiful planner for 2021 at a price of £19.75 (which includes a 10% discount) plus postage and packing. With Christmas only 12 days away why not purchase one for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it. If you would like to purchase a planner please let the parish office know either by telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Convent of Jesus & Mary Infant School and Nursery Online

Christmas Auction. Organised by the PTA. All profits will be donated to the school. Some lovely and exclusive items thanks to the support of our amazing community. Get bidding, it's all for a good cause: <https://www.32auctions.com/conventwillesden>

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Toni Kelly will take place on Friday 18 December 2020 at 1:30pm followed by cremation at the West London Crematorium at 3:00pm

May he rest in peace

Readings at Mass

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1—2. 10—11

Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in my God..

Second Reading: St Paul 5:16—24

Alleluia Verse: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Gospel: John 1:6—8. 19—28